IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patents

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Claims

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-7.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 8. (Amended) A method of [administering] reducing the toxicity of a normally toxic biologically-active factor [to a human or animal], comprising the step of administering to [the] a human or animal, an effective amount of a composition comprising an admixture of a colloidal metal and the toxic biologically-active factor such that the composition elicits an immunological response to the biologically-active factor, and reduces [while reducing] toxic side effects resulting from the biologically-active factor, while retaining the biological activity of the normally toxic biologically-active factor.

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